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1. I CONCUR IN THE STATEMENT OF GOALS AND TASKS AS STATED IN REF (A) AS THEY APPLY TO MY MISSION IN DENMARK. THESE GOALS, AS I UNDERSTAND THEM, ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT POLICY POSITION AS REFLECTED IN OUR LAST ANNUAL ASSESSMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT'S SUBSEQUENT GUIDANCE.

2. I WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO ADD ONE SPECIFIC THAT MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN III, BELOW. ONE OF THE FEW CLOUDS THAT I CAN IMAGINE ON THE DANISH-US HORIZON IS THE POSSIBLE LIMITATION OF DANISH EXPORTS TO THE US. OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS--BEFORE THE AMERICAN TRADE LEGISLATION REQUIREMENTS BITE--THE PROBLEM OF EC SUBSIDIES FOR EXPORTS MUST BE RESOLVED. IN THE CASE OF DENMARK, HAM AND CHEESE ARE MOST INVOLVED. THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED BOTH IN MULTILATERAL FORA AND ON A BILATERAL BASIS.

3. IN ADDITION, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO COMMENT BRIEFLY ON WHERE WE ARE TODAY IN ADDRESSING THE GOALS AND TASKS SET OUT IN REF (A).

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I. MAINTAIN CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONS - I BELIEVE THAT OUR CURRENT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IS AS CLOSE AS IT HAS BEEN SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR. WE CONSULT FREQUENTLY WITH THE DANES ON ALL ISSUES OF MUTUAL IMPORTANCE. FURTHERMORE, THE DANES ARE BY PERIODIC VISITS OF US LEADERS. IN THE NEAR FUTURE, FOR EXAMPLE, THESE INCLUDE CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER, SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE STETSON, AND SECRETARY OF LABOR MARSHALL. SENATOR MCGOVERN JUST

DEPARTED.

II. STRENGTHEN MILITARY COOPERATION - IN MY OPINION, WE ARE ON TOP OF ALL SPECIFICS SET OUT UNDER THIS GENERAL HEADING IN REF (A). THE F-16 PROGRAM, FOR EXAMPLE, IN SPITE OF EXPECTED PROBLEMS, SEEMS TO BE PROGRESSING WELL. THE RECENTLY-ANNOUNCED DANISH PURCHASE OF NEW LYNX HELICOPTERS WILL BE FUNDED OUTSIDE THE DEFENSE BUDGET AND IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW DANISH MILITARY PLAN TO USE THE NEED TO POLICE THE EXPANDED TERRITORIAL WATERS AROUND GREENLAND AS A MEANS TO ADD MEASURABLY TO THEIR OVER-ALL DEFENSE POSTURE.

III. INCREASE BILATERAL COOPERATION ON GLOBAL ISSUES - WE ARE, OF COURSE, DEVOTING A GOOD DEAL OF THOUGHT AND ATTENTION TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DANES WHO WILL ASSUME THE EC PRESIDENCY IN 1978. WE WILL BEGIN TO CONSULT ACTIVELY WITH THEM IN MID SEP TO ASSURE THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IS DONE BEFORE JANUARY SO THAT OUR DIALOGUE WITH THE DANES AND THROUGH THEM TO THE EC WILL BE OF THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE QUALITY.

THE POSITIVE DANISH PRELIMINARY REACTION TO THE JOINT BRITISH-US DEMARCHE ON RHODESIA IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF DANISH-US COOPERATION ON GLOBAL ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE.

IV. ENHANCE US-DANISH CULTURAL AND OTHER LINKS - MY PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CHAIR OF AMERICAN STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
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COPENHAGEN--THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN DENMARK--IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE DANES AND IF ACCEPTED WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AT DANISH EXPENSE. IN OUR JUDGMENT, THE DANISH ATTITUDE TOWARD NATO AND MILITARY EXPENDITURES IN GENERAL HAS MATURED TO THE POINT WHERE WE BELIEVE THAT THE PUBLICITY SURROUNDING VISITS BY DANISH PARLIAMENTARIANS AND OTHER OPINION LEADERS TO NATO FACILITIES WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE TO PROMOTE US OBJECTIVES IN THESE AREAS. CONSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE LAUNCHED A STRUCTURED PROGRAM, IN COOPERATION WITH US-NATO AND ELEMENTS OF US MILITARY COMMANDS, TO IMPLEMENT THIS OBJECTIVE.

4. I NOTE THAT REF (B) DISCUSSED THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PRESENT EXERCISE TO THE ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW PROCESS. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE IF WHAT WE ARE ASKED TO DO IN THIS CONNECTION FOR 1978 WERE SCHEDULED BEFORE JANUARY. SUCH A TIMETABLE WOULD ALLOW US TO DEVOTE THOUGHFUL ATTENTION TO THE PREPARATION OF SUCH A DOCUMENT BEFORE WE ARE INVOLVED IN THE TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS OF MAINTAINING THE EC DIALOGUE.
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